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Fires Brigade promotion ceremony draws special guest

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Fernandez 1.

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli (left), commander, Multi-National Corps – Iraq, visited the Fires Brigade headquarters to promote Cpl. Christopher Fernandez, personal security detachment, Fires Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, to the rank of sergeant May 1. Before the promotion, Chiarelli recalled previously awarding the Silver Star to Fernandez, of Tucson, Ariz., while he was serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 as part of the 1st Cavalry Division.

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Fernandez 2.

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Cpl. Christopher Fernandez, a native of Tucson, Ariz., who serves with the personal security detachment, Fires Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, waits patiently as Sgt. Joshua Turner (left), PSD noncommissioned officer-in-charge, Fires Bde., and Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, commander, Multi-National Corps – Iraq, pin on sergeant's rank, thus officially promoting him May 1 outside Fires Brigade headquarters. Fernandez invited Chiarelli to the ceremony since the two have a “history” together. The general awarded Fernandez the Silver Star when he was part of the 1st Calvary Division in Operation Iraqi Freedom 2.

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Fernandez 3.

CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq – Cpl. Christopher Fernandez, personal security detachment, Fires Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, (left), stands at attention as Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, commander, Multi-National Corps – Iraq, promotes him to sergeant May 1 outside Fires Brigade headquarters. The Tucson, Ariz., native, invited Chiarilli to promote him since the general had previously awarded him the Silver Star while deployed with the 1st Cavalry Division during Operation Iraqi Freedom 2.

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